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Luis Manuel Ramirez, General Manager & CEO



**Fiscal and Management Control Board  
Transportation Board Room  
10 Park Plaza  
February 5, 2018  
12:00 p.m.  
*MEETING MINUTES***

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**Present:** Chairman Joseph Aiello, Director Steven Poftak (by phone at 2:20 p.m.) Director Brian Lang (arrived at 2:15 p.m.), Director Brian Shortsleeve and Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Others Present:** Secretary Pollack, Luis Ramirez, Jeffrey Gonneville, Marie Breen, Owen Kane, Nathan Peyton, Mike Abramo, Jamey Tesler, Jackie Goddard, Paul Brandley, Beth Larkin, Laurel Paget-Seekins, Jen Schlesinger

**PROCEEDINGS:**

At the call of Chairman Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was called to order 12:20 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

There was no public comment period

Next, was the approval of minutes of the January 29, 2018 meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018 meeting.**

Chairman Aiello called upon General Manager Luis Ramirez to present Agenda Item C, the General Manager's report. Mr. Ramirez deferred his remarks and gave his time to the Deputy General Manager to discuss the Mattapan High Speed Line.

The Chair called upon Deputy General Manager Jeffrey Gonneville to present Agenda Item D, the Report from the Deputy General Manager. Mr. Gonneville updated the Board on the Mattapan High Speed Line and provided an overview of the recent service issue, repair of the accident vehicle, status of PCC Car Rehabilitation Program and the status of the long-term High Speed Line Study which should be out the summer of 2018, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Deputy GM Remarks, February 5, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Nathan Peyton, MassDOT's Deputy Chief of Staff to present Agenda Item E, the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "FMCB Public Schedule, February 5, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Chairman Aiello next called upon Director of Strategic Initiatives Laurel Paget-Seekins to present Agenda Item F, the Ridership Quarterly Update. Ms. Paget-Seekins noted that Ridership continued to drop but the rate of decrease had declined. Ms. Paget-Seekins outlined the trends for bus, heavy rail and commuter rail including peak and off peak trends and peak by line, as set forth in the attached

document labeled, “Quarterly Ridership Update – First Half of FY18, February 5, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Jen Schlesinger, Focus40 Project Manager to present Agenda Item G, an update on Focus40. Ms. Schlesinger noted for this meeting she would be sharing the project status and was looking to receive feedback on the Board’s engagement prior to the draft release and on the public outreach approach, as set forth in the attached document labeled “Focus40 Update, February 5, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

Chair Aiello next called upon Beth Larkin, Assistant General Manager for Capital Delivery to present Agenda Item H, a construction contract for Commuter Rail Maintenance of Way Improvements. Ms. Larkin noted that the contract would address capital maintenance projects and capital improvement projects that fall outside of Keolis’ routine maintenance scope, as set forth in the attached document labeled “MBTA Contract No. G70CN02: On-call Commuter Rail Construction Services for Right-of-Way Improvements, February 5, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED:**

**That the General Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute in the name of and on behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the “MBTA”), and in a form approved by the General Counsel, MBTA Construction Contract G70CN02: On-Call**

**Commuter Rail Construction Services for Right-of-Way Improvements Contract with SPS New England, Inc., in an amount an amount not to exceed \$17,040,846.00.**

Chairman Aiello deferred Agenda Item I, an update on the machinists' union contract until Director Lang's arrival.

Agenda Item J, an update on the Third Party Contributions Policy was a written submittal and is attached and labeled "Draft Policy on Third Party Contributions to MassDOT/MBTA Expansion Projects, February 5, 2018."

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Chief Administrator Michael Abramo to discuss Agenda Item K, the FY18 Operating Budget. Mr. Abramo provided the Board with an operating expense update which included updates on wages and benefits, contracted services, materials and services and debt services, as set forth in the attached document labeled "CA Report to FMCB – FY18 Operating Expense Update, February 5, 2018." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call;

Chair Aiello	Yes
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Director Shortsleeve	Yes
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Director Tibbits-Nutt	Yes
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**VOTED: to enter into Executive Session for a discussion of strategy related to real estate, collective bargaining and litigation at 1:41 p.m.**

At 2:23 p.m., the Fiscal and Management Control Board reconvened from Executive Session with Director Lang present and Director Poftak via telephone for the remaining agenda item.

Lastly, Chair Aiello called upon General Manager Luis Ramirez to present Agenda Item I, an update on the agreement with Local 264 concerning Bus Maintenance. The General Manager announced that MBTA management had successfully reached an agreement on Sunday, February 4, 2017 that would further reduce future bus maintenance costs while improving productivity and retaining the Local 264 machinists. The combination of the new agreement with Local 264 and ongoing internal changes had enabled the MBTA to obtain significant bus maintenance savings without privatizing existing garages. The agreement protects current work of the Local 264 members to provide maintenance work for the MBTA's fleet of 955 buses while preserving the MBTA's right to explore ways to further reduce costs on bus maintenance beyond the current fleet, as set forth in the attached document labeled "L264 Machinists Union Contract Update, February 5, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Chair Aiello invited Local 264 Business Manager Mike Vartabedian to address the Board. Mr. Vartabedian thanked MBTA management and recommended that the Board approve the new agreement.

Directors Aiello, Shortsleeve, Tibbits-Nutt, Lang and Poftak and Secretary Pollack all commended the union and MBTA management for their efforts in negotiating this agreement. Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call;

Chairman Aiello	Yes
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Director Poftak	Yes
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Director Lang	Yes
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Director Shortsleeve	Yes
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Director Tibbits-Nutt	Yes
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**VOTED:**

**That the General Manager or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized in the name and on behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the “Authority”) to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) between the Authority and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local 264 (“Local 264”); and**

**FURTHER VOTED:**

**That the General Manager or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized in the name and on behalf of the Authority to take any and all steps necessary to implement said MOU with Local 264.**

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

**VOTED: to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.**

**Documents relied upon for this meeting:**

Minutes of January 29, 2018

Deputy GM Remarks, February 5, 2018

FMCB Public Schedule, February 5, 2018

Quarterly Ridership Update – First Half of FY18, February 5, 2018

Focus40 Update, February 5, 2018.”

MBTA Contract No. G70CN02: On-call Commuter Rail Construction Services for Right-of-Way Improvements, February 5, 2018

CA Report to FMCB – FY18 Operating Expense Update, February 5, 2018

Draft Policy on Third Party Contributions to MassDOT/MBTA Expansion Projects, February 5, 2018

L264 Machinists Union Contract Update, February 5, 2018